

REMARKS

In the above referenced Restriction Requirement, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Claims 1-5, drawn to an apparatus with a wireless module positioned within a stack for performing automatic self-discovery of the stack, classified in class 370, subclass 469; [Group 1]

Claims 6-12 and 13-18, drawn to an apparatus with a wireless module for identifying a shortest communications path with a backhaul node, classified in class 370, subclass 238; [Group 2]

Claims 19-27, drawn to a system with multiple base stations configured to identify neighboring base stations and communication paths, classified in class 370, subclass 328. [Group 3]

In response, the applicants elect Group 1 without traverse. Non-elected claims 6-27 have been canceled. New claims 28-37 have been added, which are similar to elected claims 1-5. Specifically, new claims 28-32 are method claims that parallel elected claims 1-5, and claims 33-37 parallel claims 1-5 but are means-plus-function claims under 35 U.S.C. sec. 112 paragraph 6.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-4599.

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Please charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 340158009US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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